

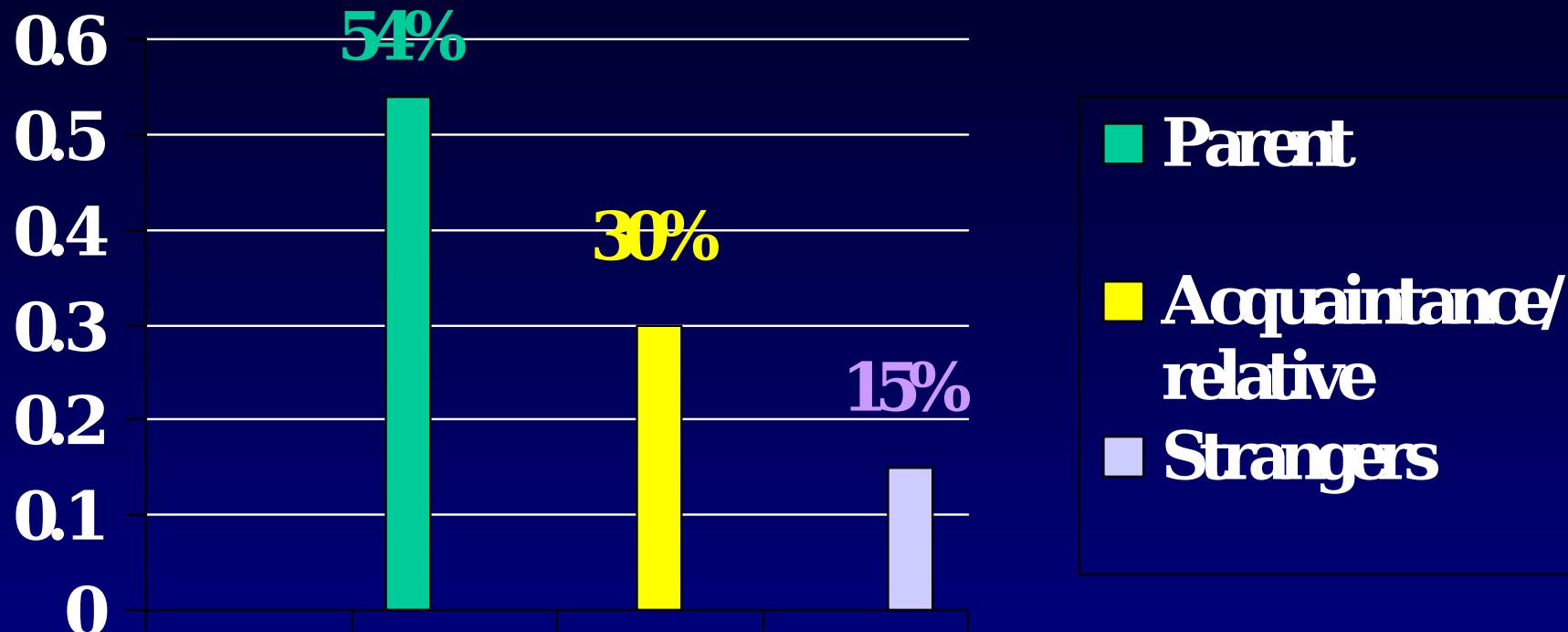


# Why is New Parent Support Needed?



# Children under 5 Killed 1976-1997

Bureau of Justice Homicide Statistics





# Alarming Statistics

## Prevent Child Abuse America's Survey:

47 Out of 1,000 children reported  
abused or neglected : 15 confirmed

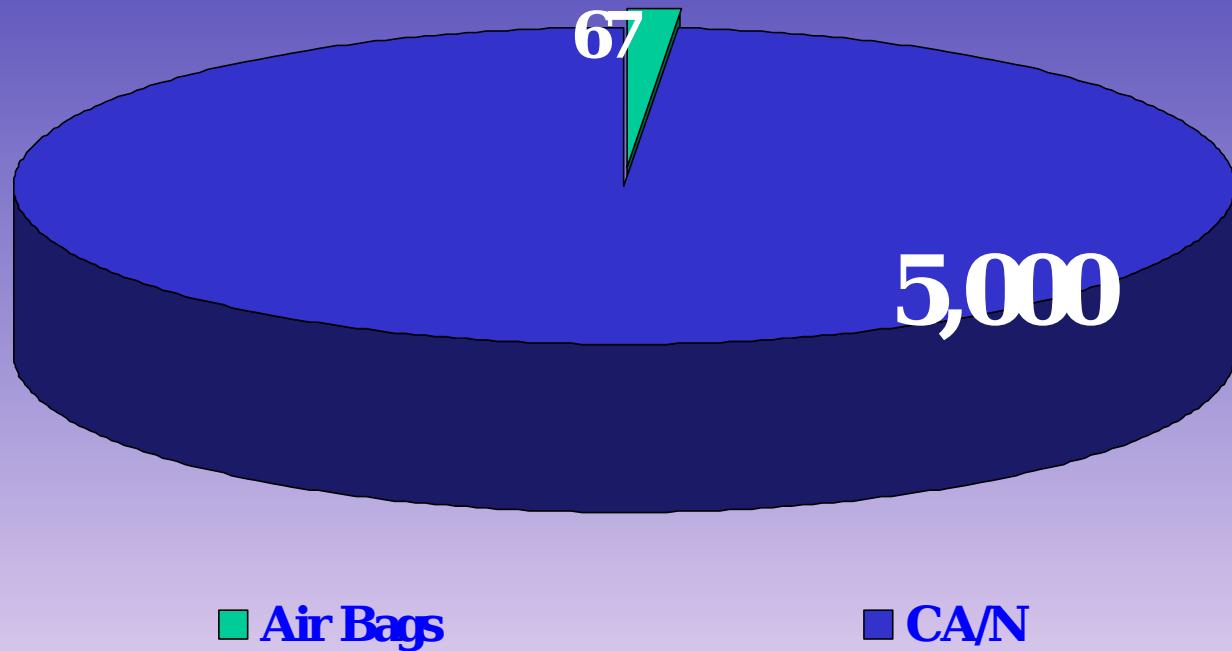
# Alarming Statistics



- National Crime Victimization Study :  
(per 1000 households)
  - 13 car thefts 4.2
  - robberies
  - 8 aggravated assaults 1.5 rapes

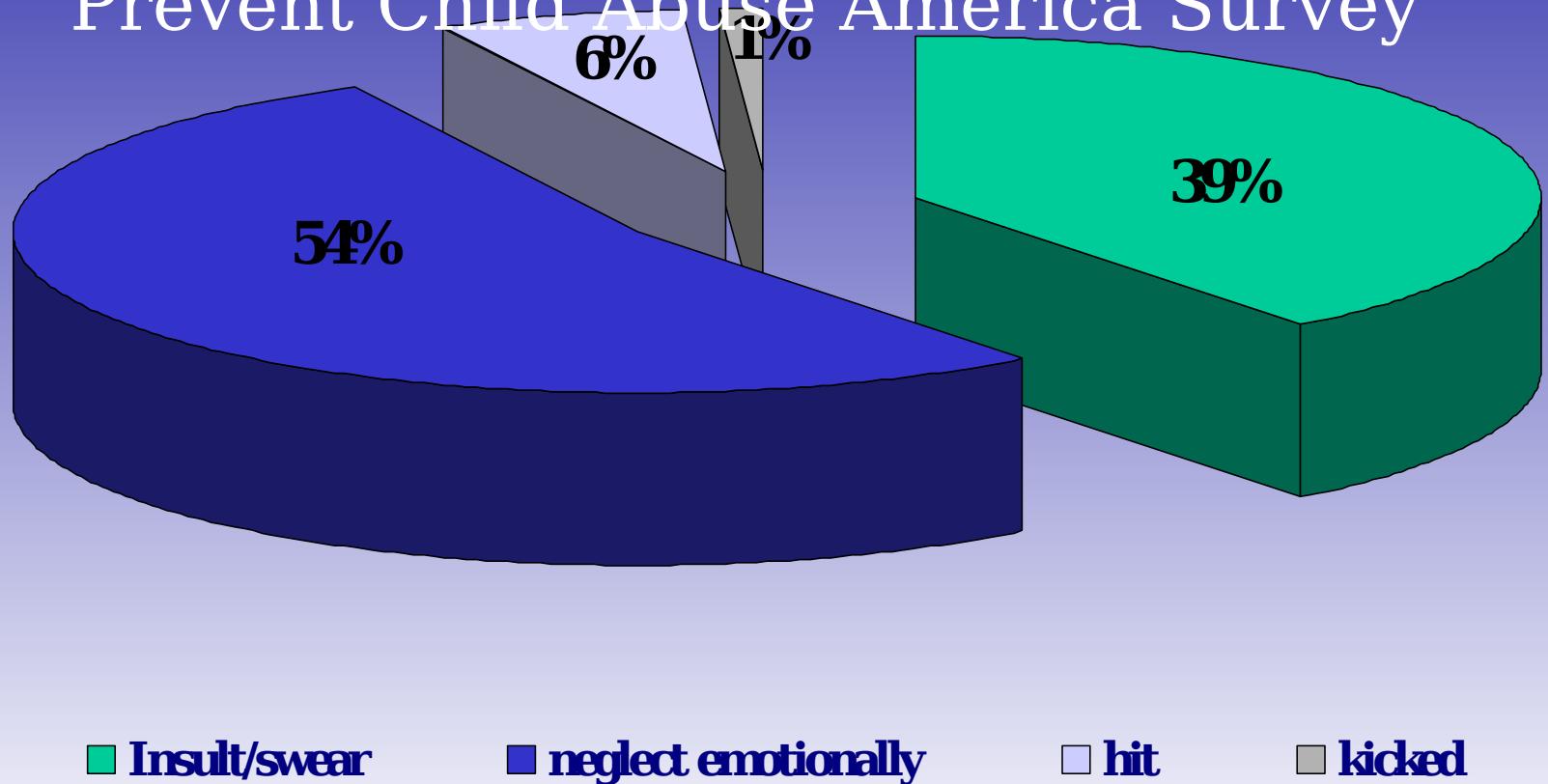
# Child Deaths 1993-1997

Prevent Child Abuse America



# Parents Report Neglecting/Abusing Their Children

Prevent Child Abuse America Survey



# Spouse/Intimate Partner Abuse

## *Scope of Problem*

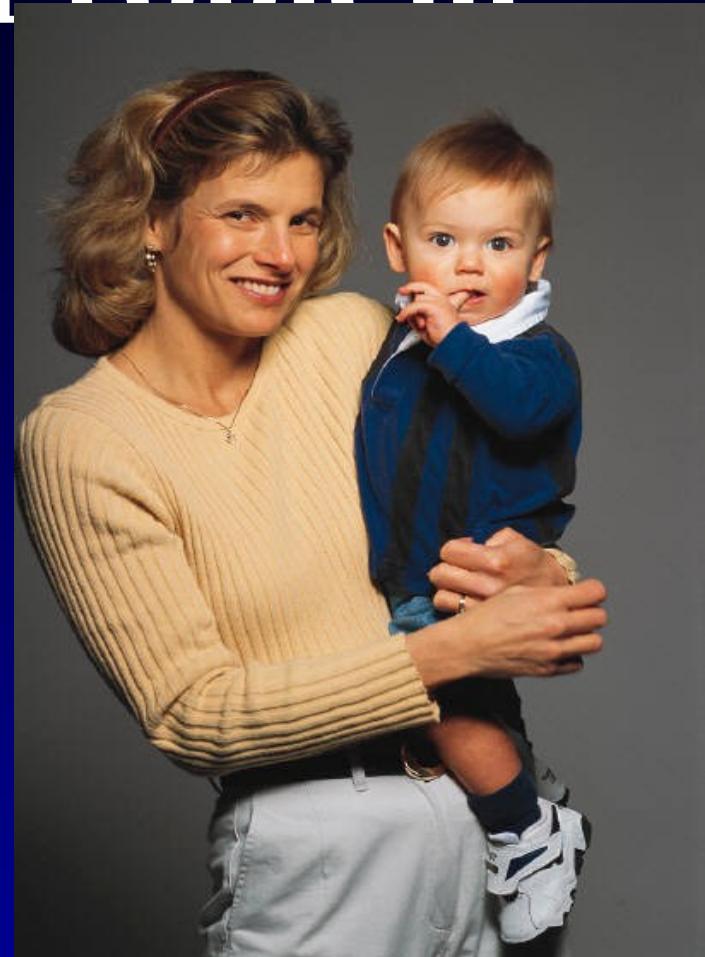
- **As many as 4 million women experience a serious assault by an intimate partner a year.**



# Spouse/Intimate Partner Abuse

## Scope of Problem

- **Most likely after separation/divorce**
- **Estimates of Spouse/IPA during pregnancy vary**
  - **8-26% of pregnant women**
  - **26% of pregnant teens reported IPA by boyfriend**



# Spouse/Intimate Partner Abuse

*The forgotten victims.*

- **Estimated 3.3 million children are exposed to Spouse/IPA each year**
- **Child abuse is 15X more likely in homes where Spouse/IPA is present**
- **40-60% of men who abuse women also abuse their children**



# Spouse/Intimate Partner Abuse

*The forgotten victims*

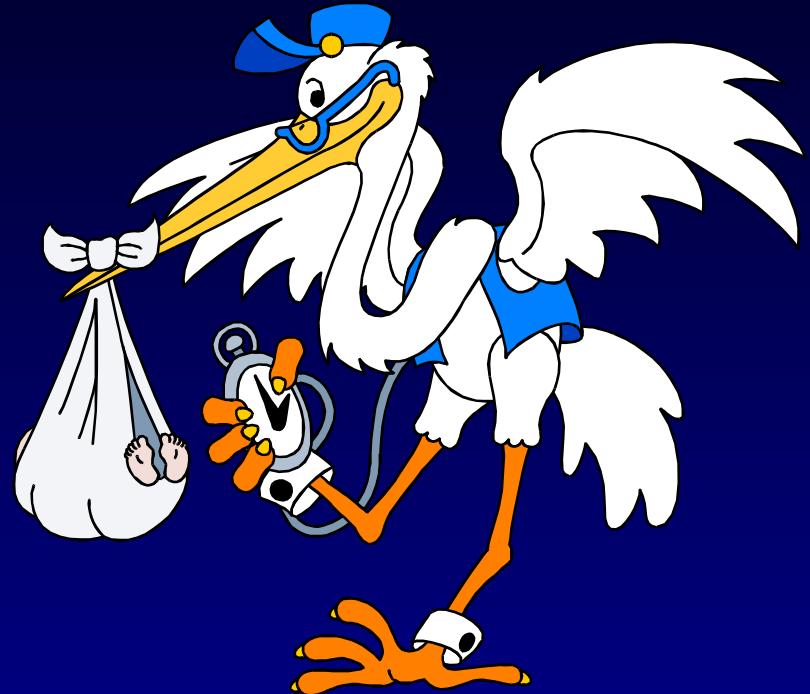
- **A history of family violence is the most significant discriminator between delinquent and nondelinquent youth**



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# Prevent Child Abuse America Survey: *Parents Want Help*

- 74% wish they had received help learning to care for their newborns
- Only 14% new parents received support



# Prevent Child Abuse America Survey: *Parents Want Help*

- **67% believe that lack of parenting experience /skills is among the primary reasons for child abuse/neglect**



# Prevent Child Abuse America Survey: *Parents Want Help*



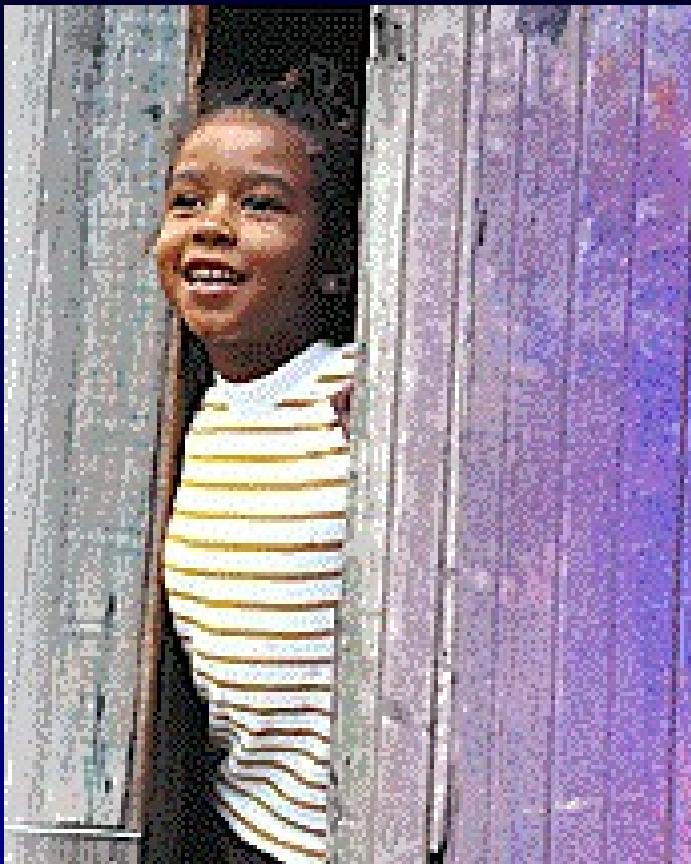
- 60% received donations of food, clothing or baby equipment during the first 6 months

# Why Early Intervention?

- Early childhood **most critical stage in human development**
- **Most severe abuse occurs among children under age 5**



# Why Early Intervention?



- Research supports early intervention reduces child maltreatment
- Recruit study data: 41% of women, 39% of men severely abused during childhood

# History of New Parent Support

- Established in 1990 by FAP as major child abuse
- Developed in response to GAO July 1990 Report on Home Visiting Services that concluded “Home visiting is a promising strategy for delivering or improving access to early interventions”



# History of New Parent Support

- 1991-US Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect recommended a voluntary home visiting program
- Navy NPS based on Hawaii Healthy Start
- Hawaii Healthy Start serves as the framework for PCA prevention initiative Healthy Families America



# Relationship to Navy's Mission

- Enhances personal self-esteem, strengthening individual coping skills
- **Reduce family stressors, allowing sailors to focus on job**
- Positively impacts retention
- Enhances Quality of Life



# **“The More Parents Know...The Stronger The Family Grows**

- Empowers expectant parents and new parents to meet challenges
  - Parenthood
  - Navy life
- Strengthens parenting knowledge and skills
- Promotes healthy families
- Provides in-home education support to over-burdened families

# New Parent Support - Goals



- Enhance parent's skills
- Promote positive parent-child interaction
- Promote healthy childhood growth & development

# Goals - Continued

- Increase access to health services
- Improve prenatal care
- Reduce child abuse and neglect



# Program Components

- **Systematic Screening and Assessment**
- **Information and Referrals**
- **Parenting Education**
  - Groups/classes
- **Home Visitation**
- **Developmental Screening**
- **Coordination of Interagency and Community Resources**



# Services

- Level 1:
  - **Education on childbirth, parenting, healthy childhood growth and development**
  - **Information and Referral**
  - **Assessment for Risk Indicators**



# Services

- Level 2:
  - **Voluntary Home Visiting Services**



# Moving Forward

- Linking Military & Civilian Programs:  
**MOU with Healthy Family America**
  - Groton, CT
  - Hampton Roads, VA
  - Jacksonville, FL
- Linking Military Programs:
  - Joint letter between NPS and Navy  
Marine Corps Relief Society

